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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

The second session of the Fifty-first Congress assembled on the 1st. In the Senate the credentials of Senators-elect Carey and Warren, of Wyoming, were read and the oath administered. On the 2nd Mr. Warren secured the short term and Mr. Carey the long. The usual committee was appointed to wait upon the President in connection with a like committee from the House, and inform him that Congress was in session, and the President's message was received and read. In the House the Speaker laid before the body the credentials of David A. Harvey, as Delegate from Oklahoma, and the oath was administered to him. At 1:30 p. m. the President's message was received and read, and after the reading the House adjourned.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The steamship standard arrived in New York on the 29th, with the captain and crew of the British bark Claudine on board, who were rescued in mid-ocean from their disabled vessel nine days before.

The schooner Francis E. Hallock, which left New York on the 29th, for Virginia, was run down by the four-masted collier Clarence H. Verner in nearly the same spot where the Spanish steamer Tieny was sunk. The Hallock was captured, and her captain, named Randolph, was drowned. Five other men aboard the Hallock were rescued by the collier.

Two squaw men living on Bad river, in South Dakota, were lynched by a vigilance committee a few days ago. Capt. Stealing has been going on, and investigation pointed to the squaw men as the guilty parties. The vigilance committee has been carrying matters with a high hand for some time and there is considerable excitement.

Four of a gang of highwaymen, who have waylaid and robbed foot passengers along the road of the Baltimore and Ohio and held up a number of train men, were captured on the 1st. The robbers had headquarters on a small island in the Monocacy river very near Frederick Junction, from which they could not be dislodged. Although youthful, the robbers are a desperate lot and fought like fiends before they were taken.

The first legal execution in Montana will take place on December 10. The man who will pay the penalty of his crimes are Indians, members of the Flathead tribe, in Missoula County, and the punishment, noted out to them is felt by all the people of the State to be just. The Indians to be hanged are Lala See, Pierre Paul, Antley and Pascale. The Indians were convicted of murdering and robbing prospectors.

There is no abatement of the small-pox epidemic in the towns along the Rio Grande border on the Mexican side, and vigorous and successful quarantine methods have been adopted to prevent the disease from spreading to the Texas side. There are a few isolated cases at Yucatan and Uvalde, Tex.

The Spanish Government has ordered the erection of a new and first-class light-house at Cape Villano in order to prevent the frequent wrecks that occur off that coast. The present light is of an inferior class, and the loss of H. M. S. Serpent is ascribed to the dimness of the beacon.

Excellent physicians returning from Berlin speak in very favorable terms of Dr. Koch's discovery, so far as they have witnessed its effects, but they regret that their opportunities of observation were limited.

Is the Senate, on the 24, a resolution was adopted asking the Secretary of War for information about the steps taken to disarm Indians in Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota; also a resolution instructing the foreign relations committee to inquire into the feasibility of authorizing a cable to Havana. Several minor measures were passed, and then the Senate—by a party vote, 41 to 20—took up the Federal Election bill. At the conclusion of the reading of the bill the Senate adjourned. In the House the bill referring the claim of the Chesapeake Female College to the Court of Claims was passed. The Copyright bill was called up, and after a number of dilatory motions had been disposed of, the previous question was ordered—yeas 106 to 78—and the House then adjourned.

The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union met at Ocala, Fla., on the 23, with a large attendance. The proceedings were opened by the reading of President Polk's address, in which he congratulates the Alliance on its achievements since the last meeting, and reviews the causes of agricultural depression, which he declares is an anomaly to the student of industrial progress.

The indictment against Mrs. Eva Hamilton, charging her with conspiracy, was recommended for dismissal by the district attorney of New York on the 24. He claims that the charge could not be proven now that Mr. Hamilton is dead. Judge Martine refused to entertain the motion until he had evidence to show this state of facts.

On the 24 Martin Margot, aged twenty-four, suffering from consumption, arose from the dinner-table at his home in Fort Wayne, Ind., and saying he would be down for a few moments, stepped to an adjoining room, and blew out his brains with a revolver.

About four hundred passengers of the French steamer La Champagne, who had been quarantined at North Brother's Island for some weeks owing to cases of small-pox among them, were released, on the 24, all danger of contagion having passed.

WM. LYTLETON LONG, who is under indictment in New York for forgery amounting to nearly \$40,000, has disappeared. He was arrested and indicted last May, and a month later was released by Judge Fitzgerald on his own recognizance.

Two bills to provide for the free coinage of silver were introduced in the Senate, on the 24, one by Senator Teller and the other by Senator Murch.

RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

The cordial character of our relations with Spain is shown by the fact that the Spanish minister at St. Louis has been promoted to the rank of ambassador.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

### Opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-First Congress.

President Harrison Transmits His Second Annual Message to Congress, which is Read in Both Houses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Promptly at noon both houses of Congress were called to order, in the presence of large and interested crowds of spectators. Numerous floral emblems decorated the desks of favored Senators and Representatives, and there was a merry flow of badinage over the results of the late elections.

The preliminary business having been transacted, which consisted in administering the oath to a few new Senators and members, the usual committees were appointed to wait upon the President and inform him that Congress was in session and ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make.

At 1:30 p. m. Private Secretary Halford appeared at the bar of the House and presented the President's annual message, which was at once read. A copy was also read in the Senate. The message is as follows:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The reports of the several executive departments, which will be laid before Congress in due season, will exhibit in detail the operations of the Government for the past year. The most important incidents and results, and chiefly such as may be the foundation of the recommendations of the President, will be referred to in this annual message.

The vast and increasing business of the Government has required a corresponding increase in the number of its departments, which with faithful and efficient service, has resulted in a revenue of \$1,000,000,000, and a surplus of \$1,000,000,000.

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